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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON ANDEAN
PACT TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

REFERENCE: STATE 5952

1. AT SECOND SESSION PREPCOM FOR UNCSTD AT GENEVA
JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 3 VENEZUELAN REP BEATRIZ RANGEL
MANTILLA DISCUSSED WITH US DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER PLANNED
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BY ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES WHICH UNDERSTAND NOW IN DRAFT
STAGES. BOTH DELEGATES BELIEVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER RELEVANT
TO OBJECTIVES OF UNCSTD AND COULD OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR
IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF TECHNOLOGY ISSUES WHICH COULD
BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTE TO UNCSTD. (BEATRIZ
MANTILLA, KEY MEMBER OF VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO PREPCOM
AND STRONG LEADER OF G-77 WHO PROBABLY WELL-KNOWN TO

EMBASSY CARACAS, IS JEFE DE LA OFICINA INTERNACIONALES DEL CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TECNOLOGICAS.)

2. US DEL DESCRIBED TO VENEZUELAN REP COORDINATOR OFFICE'S CONTRACT WITH CONSORTIUM LED BY FUND FOR MULTI-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (FMME) AS PART OF U.S. NATIONAL PREPARATIONS. STUDY SEEKS OBTAIN PERSPECTIVE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR ON INCENTIVES, CONSTRAINTS, CASE STUDIES (LARGELY LATIN AMERICA), AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION. VENEZUELAN EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN RESULTS THIS STUDY AND EAGERNESS - IF OTHER ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES WILLING- TO HAVE INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION EARLY THIS SPRING. VENEZUELAN THOUGHT REASONABLE OUR SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATION AT ANY SUCH WORKSHOP BE MIXED WITH GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND POSSIBLE ACADEMICS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMB ASSISTANCE OBTAINING DETAILS ON HOST GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND ROLE IN PLANNING OF TECHNOLOGY CENTER -- ITS FOCUS, PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS, CONTACT PERSONS, STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, ETC. FMME AND COUNCIL OF AMERICAS LEADERSHIP IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OPPORTUNITY SUCH INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OFFERS FOR INFLUENCING CHARACTER OF TECHNOLOGY CENTERS ALONG REALISTIC, MODERATE LINES WHICH WOULD FACILITATE LONG TERM WORKING RELATIONS WITH THIS CENTER.
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4. ALSO APPRECIATE EMB VIEWS ON POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS IN MID-APRIL IN WASHINGTON OR LATIN AMERICA WITH ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES THROUGH INFORMAL ROUND TABLE OR WORKSHOP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. VANCE

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